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TAGS: MNUC, KS

SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE-ROK NUCLEAR QUESTION

FOLLOWING GENERAL GUIDANCE PREPARED MAY 5 FOR POSSIBLE  
USE BY DEPARTMENT PRESS SPOKESMAN QUOTE:

Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON PRESS REPORTS CONCERNING KOREAN  
NUCLEAR INTENTIONS?

A. AS YOU KNOW, THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA RECENTLY RATIFIED  
THE TREATY OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.  
BY RATIFYING THE NPT, KOREA UNDERTOOK NOT TO MANUFACTURE  
OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR OTHER NUCLEAR  
EXPLOSIVE DEVICES AND ALSO TO ACCEPT INTERNATIONAL  
SAFEGUARDS ON ALL OF ITS NUCLEAR ACTIVITIES.

BACKGROUND: SEVERAL RECENT PRESS ARTICLES HAVE SUGGESTED  
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THAT EVENTS IN INDOCHINA MAY PUSH KOREA IN THE DIRECTION

OF DEVELOPING ITS OWN NUCLEAR WEAPONS AS A HEDGE AGAINST  
ANY WEAKENING OF THE U.S. DEFENSE COMMITMENT. ON  
APRIL 23 KOREA DEPOSITED ITS INSTRUMENT OF RATIFICATION  
TO THE NPT IN WASHINGTON AND IS PARTICIPATING AS A FULL  
PARTICIPANT IN THE CURRENT NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. KISSINGER

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